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RE: Application No. 10/034,014

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1. Copy of Petition under 37 CFR § 1.10 (c) mailed March 7, 2002 including fee sheet, tracking information from United States Postal Service, and a copy of the unstamped return postcard.
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 (c)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, applicant hereby petitions that a filing date of December 20, 2001, be accorded to the above-identified patent application that was USPS Express Mailed to the USPTO on that date. Applicant became aware that the Office accorded a filing date other than the USPS deposit date when a return receipt postcard was received on January 14, 2002 and again when a Filing Receipt was received on February 15, 2002, both indicating a filing date of January 3, 2002.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(1), this petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the discrepancy.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10(c)(2), the Express Mailing Label number EL588510693US was entered onto the Utility Patent Application Transmittal prior to mailing by Express Mail, as shown on the enclosed copy of the Transmittal Form.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10(c)(3), a computer printout given to Applicant by the USPS as obtained from the USPS intranet tracking system is attached showing that Express Mail item EL588510693US was en route to the USPTO on December 20, 2001 and was delivered to the Office on December 21. The enclosed tracking record, which was maintained by the USPS, constitutes its official notation.

In view of the above showing, Applicant requests that the present application be accorded a filing date of December 20, 2001.

Please charge any fees associated with the filing of this petition to Deposit Account 50-0567.

Respectfully submitted,


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